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# The Current



## UMSL'S INDEPENDENT STUDENT NEWS

# UMSL Programs Stand Out at UM System Showcase in Jefferson City

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MANAGING EDITOR

**T**HE UNIVERSITY of Missouri System Showcase took place on February 28 in Jefferson City. The showcase was formerly called UM System Day. President Mun Choi suggested the change in the name and format for this year.

The university programs showcased were broken up into a number of themes: Feeding Missourians, Engaging Missourians, Protecting Missourians, Caring for Missourians, Enhancing Innovation through Partnerships, and Preparing Missourians for Life and Work.

Participants were able to visit various booths set up in the Magnolia Grand Ballroom of the DoubleTree by Hilton in Jefferson City from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Shuttles were available to pick up elected officials from the capitol building, bring them to the event and shuttle them back. The Missouri House of Representatives was in session until around 5 p.m.

The University of Missouri-St. Louis sent several representatives: Joe Blanner, BSPA 1998; Kirk Richter, BS 1968; Patrick Gadell, BA 1973; Dean of the College of Business Administration Charlie Hoffman; Chancellor Thomas George; CFO Rick Baniak; Associate Vice Chancellor for Alumni Engagement Jennifer Jezek-Taussig; Manager of Public Affairs Karen Pierre; and other students, staff, and alumni.

Annie J. Mbale, graduate, business administration, said, "Being my



**Louie the Triton posed with State Representative Doug Beck at the Showcase.**

first time, my mind was blown away. I enjoyed seeing what other schools have done and it empowered me ... to know that my spirit of doing more at UMSL should continue."

Dusty Schnieders, director of government relations at the UM System, explained some of the differences enacted for this UM System Day. Schnieders said, "In recent years, the day was centered at the Capitol during session and did not give us the opportunity to showcase our programs. This year, we engaged legislators and state agency heads through an evening re-

ception held off-site, and offered a hands-on experience and conversations about our groundbreaking research and innovation, cutting-edge programs in such areas as community service and healthcare, and partnerships with businesses and other institutions."

The new format required a committee from each campus to submit their potential presentations to showcase at the event. Schnieders said, "When we decided to use a new format for legislative day, we convened a planning group with representatives from the four cam-



**Chancellor George spoke about all the great things UMSL is doing to help Missourians at the UM System Day Showcase.**

puses. The representatives were asked to solicit exhibit concept proposals from their campuses and then each submit their top proposals to the system to be considered for inclusion."

Campuses were encouraged to prepare proposals that would be engaging and interactive and showcase programs that benefit Missourians to fit the overall theme. Schnieders continued, "More than 40 proposals were submitted. We reviewed the proposals looking at a number of criteria to help narrow down to the final 15-16, including the program's impact on Missourians and its relevance to the budget priorities and strategic initiatives. In some cases, individual proposals

were merged into a broader theme, and other proposals were expanded to demonstrate collaboration among the campuses."

Dan Lauer of UMSL's Accelerate and Department Chair of Military and Veteran Studies Chair Jim Craig were showcased at the event for the Fostering Entrepreneurship and Student Veteran Success showcase, part of the Preparing Missourians for Life and Work theme. The two UMSL tables were expanded to highlight collaboration, according to Schnieders.

Craig had not been to a UM System Day previously and enjoyed his experience talking to everyone who stopped by. He said, "I hope that the

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# UMSL Accelerate Celebrates New Location in J.C. Penney with Open House

**DUSTIN STEINHOFF**  
STAFF WRITER

**T**HE UNIVERSITY of Missouri-St. Louis Accelerate celebrated their recently relocated facility with an open house where students could come by to see the new location, meet the program's staff, and talk to other students involved or interested in the program.

Students that gathered in the J.C.

Penney Building were able to grab some food, get a look at the conference rooms with TVs and white board walls, and chat about their interests and career aspirations.

Previously operating out of a few offices in the Social Sciences & Business Tower, UMSL Accelerate began relocating to the third floor of the J.C. Penney Building in January. They share the space with GLAM, the Global Leadership and Manage-

ment Department.

"Coming from two offices, there is a lot more space where we can have student-facing areas," said Ala Al-Lozi, assistant director of UMSL Accelerate.

It was important to the members of UMSL Accelerate that the new space is welcoming to all students.

"[The new location] is opening and homey. We have snacks and drinks to offer [to students] when

they come by. There are couches where students can come to study," said Al-Lozi. "We want all students to come by."

UMSL Accelerate may have moved to a new building, but their mission remains the same: to educate entrepreneurs and prepare them for their futures in businesses. UMSL Acceleration explains what they do with three basic principles that work together to create a thriving

ecosystem of leaders.

"We can provide a student journey. We do everything on three pillars: educate, innovate, and collaborate," explained Tamas Javor assistant director of UMSL Accelerate. "A student walks into the classroom and learns a lot about entrepreneurship, they apply this to their business through the innovative activities, and once they are

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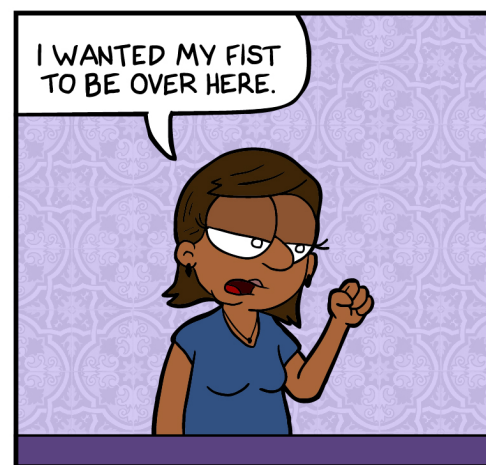
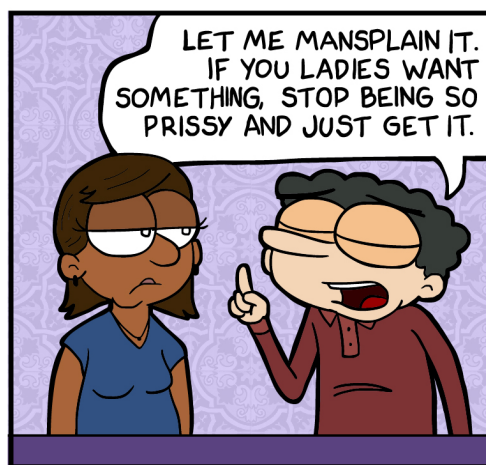
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## Water Outage Causes Campus to Close

**DUSTIN STEINHOFF**  
STAFF WRITER

**D**UE TO a water outage at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, the campus was partially closed on February 28 and completely closed on the morning of March 1.

The closing was due to a water outage that occurred on February 28. A water main break occurred under natural Bridge Road near UMSL's Patient Care Center. The incident affected the water pressure of buildings on the North and South Campuses. This caused some restrooms, The Nosh, Triton Treats,

Einstein Bros. Bagels, Subway, Science Learning Building's Simply to Go, and Subway to close while the rest of the campus remained open as usual on the afternoon of February 28 while the campus was completely closed the morning of March 1. Crews from Missouri American Water Co. and campus facilities were dispatched and worked on repairing the problem, allowing most of the campus to reopen at noon on March 1.

UMSL students and faculty received an email early on March 1 from alert@umsl.edu notifying everyone that all morning classes and

activities taking place on campus were cancelled through noon, effective immediately. Those concerned with afternoon and evening campus operations were advised to check www.umsl.edu after 11:30 a.m. on March 1 for information. Students and faculty were able to check the home pages of the Touhill Performing Arts Center and Department of Athletics to receive further information regarding activities and events.

In an email from Robert Samples, associate vice chancellor of marketing and communication, students and faculty were warned there could be isolated issues in

certain buildings as service was being restored. If one did run into water-related problems, they were advised to contact Facility Services.

Students who are signed up to receive text messages about campus alerts received a text on the morning of March 1 stating that all activities and classes were cancelled because of a water outage. Another text was sent shortly after, clarifying that campus would be closed until at least noon with another text being sent confirming that the campus would reopen at noon.



## SIGMA TAU DELTA

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**Burgeon (verb):** to develop quickly; to flourish.

**Sentence:** As March begins, flowers emerge on campus, and there is a buzz in the air as spring burgeons. (Which means spring break is not too far behind!)



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# UMSL Programs Stand Out at UM System Showcase

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attendees recognize the huge strides that UM System veterans program have made over the past few years. But selfishly, I want to get UMSL programs to the forefront. No one in the country is doing what we are doing here. The explicit and deep connection between veterans services and academic programs is what makes UMSL different. I pitched the idea of Veterans Studies and the Veterans Center as a part of an academic department to everyone who would listen."

Campuses did not have to pay for tables, but they were responsible for travel, giveaways, and signage. There was a limit on space. Schnieders said, "The planning team and system staff worked together to notify the exhibitors of their selection, and ongoing communication was distributed as the event approached. Based on the size of the room, we not only had to limit the number of exhibits, but the space allocated to each exhibit."

Mizzou had nine tables, UMKC had three tables, Missouri S&T had three tables, the Extension campus had two tables, and UMSL shared two tables with all four campuses.

There was an educational event planned from 2:30 to 4 p.m. to hear from Dr. Choi and the chancellors, key legislators, agency heads, and students in the Senate Lounge

of the Capitol building. This was Gadell's first UM System Day. He enjoyed the earlier event instead of the trade show format of tables. He said, "I was able to attend the earlier program, which was actually much more informative. Senators from both sides of the aisle (Brown and Walsh, in particular) stressed that education is a nonpartisan issue and pledged to do everything possible to restore the proposed budget cuts to higher education."

Gadell was optimistic after the day. He said, "I hope attendees realize the importance to the State of each campus. St. Louis and Kansas City are the economic drivers. There is much more to the University System than Division 1 sports."

Mbale encouraged more students to be involved with their elected officials. Mbale said, "I enjoyed meeting the representatives as well and talk about the amazing UMSL Accelerate program. Looking at their faces admiring UMSL's Accelerate program and them getting curious to want to hear more about it made me feel optimistic."

Mbale continued, "Also, to fellow students, please attend these events and get your voice heard. Representatives need to know that you rely and voted for them, and they are working for you. Therefore, they need to do things in your best interests, not theirs."



From Left to Right: Annie Mbale, Kirk Richter, Louie the Triton, Rory Riddler, and Patrick Gadell.



The inaugural class of the Presidential Engagement Fellows will travel throughout the state to engage with Missouri citizens from the Bootheel to Atchison County.

## CURRENTLY INVOLVED

THIS WEEK in the Office of Student Involvement at the University of Missouri-St. Louis:

- The Office of Student Involvement is hosting its third annual Women's Leadership Institute, a free one-day conference for all University of Missouri-St. Louis students aimed to address a range of leadership challenges faced by women in the workforce, including networking, mentorship and career advancement, moving beyond the perceptions of women in the workplace, and thriving in diverse cultures. To register for this amazing event, please visit the 2018 Women's Leadership Institute registration page located on TritonSync. Registration for the Women's Leadership Institute will close on March 9, so please be sure to register before that date to guarantee your seat. This free one-day institute is filled with guest speakers and guest presenters. Also, during the lunch session the conference will host an etiquette training for all students in attendance. If you have any questions about this year's Women's Leadership Institute, please email Leadership Education Coordinator Xavier

Blackwell at blackwellx@umsl.edu.

- Join UMSL in celebrating Mirth Week by attending a live performance with comedian Leslie Jones! Known for her role in the "Ghostbusters" reboot and "Saturday Night Live," The New Yorker profiled Jones as an "SNL" standout due to her brash sensibility, humor, and forceful presence." Student tickets are available now for \$15 each, limit two tickets per student ID. Please visit the Touhill ticket office with your UMSL student ID to purchase these discounted tickets. Tickets for the general public will be \$35 each and will go on sale on March 19 at 10 a.m.

- UMSL Students of Service (SOS) is hosting their March Service Saturday. Join SOS on March 10 when they help the Ferguson Youth Initiative by hanging a mural, assembling shelves, and taking down a wall around their generator. Visit the Students of Service portal on TritonSync for more information.

The Office of Student Involvement can be contacted at 314-516-5291 or studentinvolvement@umsl.edu.



JOSEPH SALAMON  
NEWS EDITOR

THE FOLLOWING is a series of daily crime and incident reports issued by the University of Missouri-St. Louis Police Department between February 23 and 28.

**February 23:** At 3:52 a.m., UMSL PD and NE Fire responded to a fire alarm at Express Scripts Corporation, but the alarm was set off by a malfunction. In the Millennium Student Center, a wallet was found and then turned in to UMSL PD at 2 p.m. The owner later retrieved the wallet. A woman's ring was found at the Touhill Performing Arts Center and was taken to UMSL PD at 3:15 p.m., where it was held for safe-keeping. An UMSL student reported a threatening text they received at University Meadows.

**February 24:** UMSL PD assisted Bel Ridge PD with a report of intoxicated students at the Sigma Tau fraternity house at 1:28 a.m. The non-UMSL students were taken to

the hospital via ambulance.

**February 25:** No incidents to report.

**February 26:** At 11 a.m., UMSL PD contacted an UMSL student and a faculty member who were parked blocking construction access on West Drive. An UMSL student reported being groped by an unknown male in a stairwell around 9 a.m.

**February 27:** An UMSL student suffered a fall in the Quad and sought treatment at Health Services at 10:47 a.m. At 12:02 p.m., an UMSL student reported being groped by an unknown male in a stairwell in Millennium South Garage. A two-car accident happened in Lot E at 12:09 p.m. The drivers experienced no injuries, and their cars endured minor damage. An UMSL student was taken to the hospital via ambulance at 1:57 p.m. after experiencing stomach pain in the Millennium Student Center. Another two-car accident happened in Lot E at 3:15 p.m., with no injuries and minor vehicular damage. A set of keys were

found in Lot TT and were turned in to UMSL PD at 3:37 p.m. where they have been held for safe-keeping. At 10:43 p.m., UMSL PD responded to a civil dispute at Mansion Hill between an UMSL student and an acquaintance. An UMSL employee accidentally slipped and fell on the top level of the West Drive Garage at 10:10 p.m., but refused medical attention.

**February 28:** At 7:07 a.m., a car struck a stop sign on Grobman Drive at Lot C. The driver was not injured and the car had only minor damage. An UMSL student had a seizure in Lucas Hall and was taken to the hospital via ambulance at 11:02 a.m. At 1:55 p.m., a laptop was found in the Social Science Building and was turned into UMSL PD. The owner was notified and later retrieved the laptop. A woman's ring was found in the Since Learning Building and was turned in to the UMSL PD for safe-keeping at 2:05 p.m.



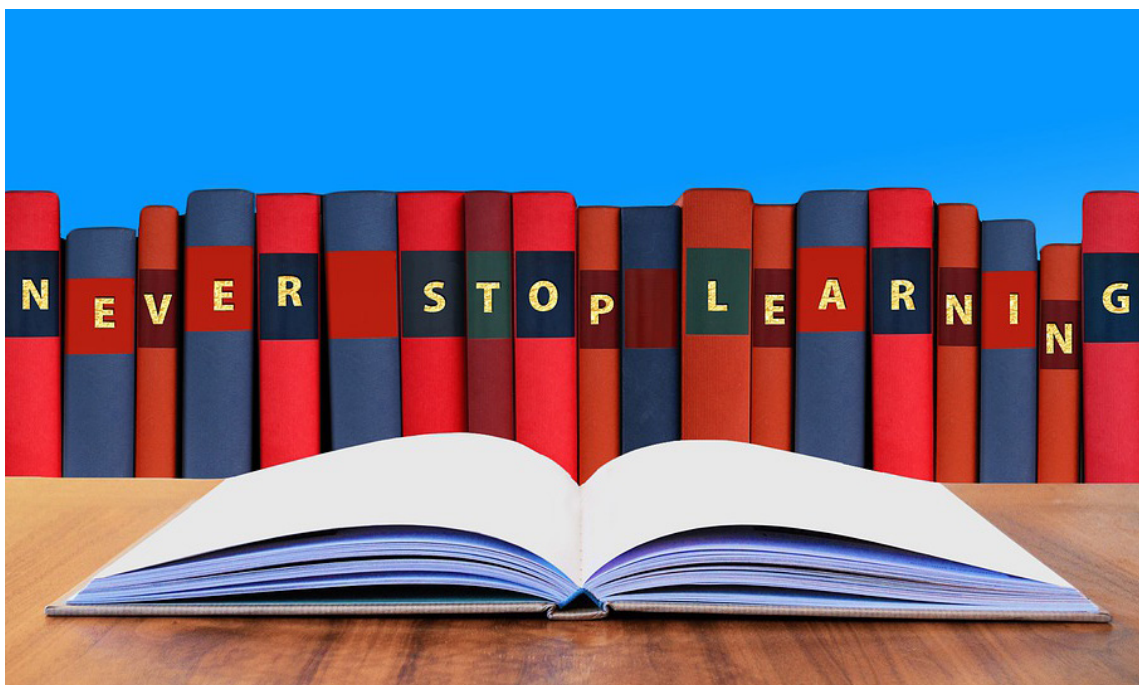
# From Kansas City to St. Louis: Aliyah Barrett

JOSEPH SALAMON  
NEWS EDITOR

ON A campus largely comprised of students from the St. Louis metropolitan area, Aliyah Barrett stands out. A second-semester senior from Kansas City pursuing a degree in communication, Barrett decided to move across the state to continue her education at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

She has been able to do so with assistance from Kauffman Scholars, Inc., a Kansas City-based scholarship program geared towards providing promising young students with sufficient resources to further their education and obtain college degrees. Barrett is one of just six Kauffman Scholars currently enrolled at UMSL and is on track to graduate this May after only three years of enrollment.

After taking international baccalaureate courses in high school and attending a junior college the summer before her freshman year at UMSL, Barrett came to campus with college credit and continued to excel at a rate that allows her to graduate a year early. Aside from coursework, though, Barrett also works to make a lasting impact on campus as a lead peer mentor for the



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College of Arts & Sciences. Looking back, she credits her current position to the First Year Experience course she took as a freshman.

"That's how I actually got involved on campus, and the following semester I got interviewed to be a mentor in the class," Barrett said. "That led to my job now as a lead peer mentor."

While she has assumed a role as an educator while pursuing her own education, Barrett hasn't lost sight of the other aspects of her life that keep her constantly inspired and motivated each day. After being on a strict track towards college as a Kauffman Scholar since middle school, she wants to take time to revisit extracurricular activities like

art and poetry that she has pushed aside the past few years.

"One of my goals is to teach people that education isn't the only outlet. You can always plug into it but you can also unplug and spread it all out to the people that are around you," Barrett said. "That's something I feel strongly about, because there are other things out there. And

changing your mind is good."

Barrett's seemingly innate ability to make her voice heard and leave an impression on faculty and fellow students comes partly from her unique upbringing. Immersed in different cultures and languages, Barrett grew up around people who spoke Spanish, Tagalog (the official language of the Philippines), and English. She used this unique experience to develop her own communication skill set.

"There was never any specific expectation that I was supposed to be able to fit in all different rooms of people, but it was just understood," Barrett said. "I knew that would be my strong suit – just talking. I wanted to be heard and express myself."

Barrett is entertaining the idea of moving to Atlanta after graduation for graduate school at Georgia State University, but she remains aware that there are other things, like art and poetry, that are of interest to her.

"The beautiful thing about being a motivated individual is that you're always inspired by something new every day," Barrett said. "Now that it's my last semester, my postgraduate goals are honestly just to be happy and have a little bit less structured of a lifestyle."

## UMSL Accelerate Celebrates New Location

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ready to incorporate it to their businesses and enter the real world, we have them put into the ecosystem here in St. Louis and nationwide as well."

In addition to students already involved in entrepreneurship classes and programs, the open house was designed to be able to gather new members who may not consider themselves entrepreneurs. Those in UMSL Accelerate see their program as one that provides many useful skills to anyone, not just entrepreneurs.

"Anyone can use entrepreneurship and innovation skills in their personal lives or careers. You do not have to be an entrepreneur to partic-

ipate in our programs," said Al-Lozi. "It is good to have the knowledge of how entrepreneurs think in order to apply it to what you do. If you want to work for a big company, you will want to learn how to think differently or to think of new ideas for companies to survive."

Members of UMSL Accelerate strive to work with anyone who walks through their door and help them reach their entrepreneurial and business-related goals through their various programs and resources.

"We are an interdisciplinary institution, so we work with students from all backgrounds," said Javor. "We would like to help them change their minds in the sense that they

should be more innovative and entrepreneurial because even if they do not start out in companies, these are the kinds of soft skills that will benefit them in the long run and finding jobs as well."

In addition to its everyday uses, being a part of the UMSL Accelerator program will also look good on resumes, allowing students in this program to get ahead of other people applying for jobs and internships.

"We are gathering several resources for [students] and our job is monitored based on their success," said Javor. "If they want to start a company, there is not a better time to be an entrepreneur at UMSL than right now."



UMSL Accelerate was showcased in Jefferson City during the UM System Day.

## Smoking Cessation Support Provides Help for Smokers Wishing to Quit

DUSTIN STEINHOFF  
STAFF WRITER

THE UNIVERSITY of Missouri-St. Louis students and faculty members are now able to receive free support in order to quit smoking through the University of Missouri-St. Louis Smoking Cessation Program, provided by UMSL Student Social Services.

Those wishing to quit smoking can receive free Nicotine Replacement patches, lozenges, and gum, one-on-one coaching, follow up appointments, and a personalized quit plan. One can sign up for a counseling appointment with UMSL's smoking cessation coach Ashley Johnson at <https://calendly.com/johnsonashley/tobacco-free-initial>.

Benefits to quitting smoking can include reduced risks of smoking-related diseases, lower blood pressure, improved blood circulation, having more money, having more energy and more.

UMSL became completely tobacco-free on all indoor and outdoor campus property on January 1, 2012. The term "tobacco" refers to

any type of use of tobacco or tobacco-like products such as cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, hookahs, etc. By prohibiting its use on all campus property, tobacco cannot be used in buildings, in parking lots/garages, outdoors or on sidewalks. The policy is applicable to all students, faculty, employees, visitors and the general public.

Off-campus support is also provided through the Missouri Tobacco Quitline, by calling 1-800-QUIT NOW or visiting [www.quitnow.net](http://www.quitnow.net). This program is free for eligible participants and provides many benefits. They help users decide that type and dose of quitting aides are right for the user. The user is sent a workbook with references to any situation to help the user stick to the quitting plan. Users have access to experts who provide support and assistance over the phone.

Between the smoking cessation support program and off-campus support, UMSL students and faculty have multiple resources to take advantage of if one wishes to quit smoking or using any other form of tobacco product.



UMSL has been a tobacco-free campus since 2012.



# Car Seat Headrest Complete Matador Trilogy with a New Album, 'Twin Fantasy'

MIKE A. BRYAN  
STAFF WRITER

AFTER INDEPENDENTLY releasing nine albums on Bandcamp, musician Will Toledo and his band Car Seat Headrest finally signed to a major record label, Matador Records, in 2015. They have since produced a trilogy of brilliant angst-filled garage rock albums, starting with "Teens of Style" and concluding with the most recent, "Twin Fantasy." All three albums have a similar style and vibe, with songs being almost interchangeable but still memorable and unique.

Toledo has cultivated an authentic garage essence to his lo-fi indie rock, blending distorted vocals and crunchy guitars with catchy melodies and clever hooks. This sound has taken several years to cultivate, involving a number of lineup changes in Toledo's band, with his earliest songs recorded solo. Most recently, he added another group to his backing band, the Naked Giants, making Car Seat Headrest a seven-piece outfit.

The music is highly referential,

with repeating themes of love and relationships, alternative substances, teenage angst, anxieties, and self-doubt. The referential themes draw the listener in, serving as familiar ground beneath the sonic explorations of the music. Not only are the thematic ideas repeated, but Toledo often repeats lyrics, sometimes whole choruses, in multiple songs. This repetitive nature of the music actually makes it more attractive by producing a consistent sound throughout the numerous albums. Listeners of the trilogy will find themselves singing along with the memorable melodies and layered vocals. With the most recent album, Toledo takes this repetition a step farther, re-recording a whole album that he originally released in 2011. A bold move, to say the least, but one that works. While some may take offense at the idea of this re-recorded album, the new recordings are actually worth a listen, as Car Seat Headrest has fleshed out the original songs in sonically pleasing ways.

"Give me Frank Ocean's voice and James Browns' stage presence – I will be your rock god..." Toledo



Car Seat Headrest at The Sinclair in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

do croons on "Cute Thing," in an almost desperate plea. Well, he certainly doesn't have Frank Ocean's voice (which is a good thing), and it's highly unlikely he has moves like James Brown (because, let's be

honest, who does?), but Car Seat Headrest has reached "rock god" status with this most recent release. It will continue to grow their online cult following, and they will continue to play sold-out shows. If you

like "Twin Fantasy" you will most certainly like the last two albums as well. Car Seat Headrest can be found on YouTube, Spotify, Pandora, and Google Play, along with Bandcamp and other streaming services.

# St. Louis Artist Basil Kincaid Has a New Show at Gallery 210

MIKE A. BRYAN  
STAFF WRITER

GALLERY 210 often exhibits local artists and sculptors; currently, they are featuring two shows by St. Louisans. An exhibit focused on the furniture and wood sculptures of Peter Voss is on display, along with a newer show by visual artist and activist Basil Kincaid. The gallery is small, meaning each exhibit space can be viewed in a short amount of time. With the Peter Voss exhibit, this leaves the viewer wanting more; the most recent addition "Gates" does not have the same result.

Basil Kincaid is best known for his "Reclamation" series that appeared at The Luminary on Cherokee Street, based on his time spent in Ghana and Africa. This series utilized "found materials" to produce both paintings and sculptures, and was featured in the Huffington Post. The newer exhibition, titled "Gates," also uses found materials, namely old windows, in combination with patchwork quilts stitched from various fabrics and clothing. This show encompasses three tiny rooms, one with the main set of pieces, another with an invitingly interactive piece, and a third showing a looped video installation featuring the same quilts. The whole exhibit can be viewed, including the video, in less than fifteen minutes.

The quilt and window pieces are unique but have no discernible theme or connecting idea. After

watching the video, the viewer is only more confused, due to the stark black and white images of figures wearing the patchwork quilts in gritty train yards accompanied by ambient noise. The video plays on a loop, with no clear start or finish, and doesn't clarify or expound upon the other pieces in the exhibit. The idea of "Gates" is not obvious from the pieces, leaving the viewer even more confused as to the purpose or inspiration for the exhibition.

Gallery 210 is sponsored by the Missouri Arts Council and the University of Missouri-St. Louis and is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. It is located on the North Campus in the same building as the UMSL Police, across from the UMSL North MetroLink station. "Gates" by Basil Kincaid will be on view until May 15.



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THE UNIVERSITY of Missouri-St. Louis Lady Tritons came into the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament ranked fourth in the conference coming off a major win streak and the annihilation of every opponent they faced in the regular season. On March 1 at 8:30 p.m., the Lady Tritons stormed into the GLVC tournament to face Bellarmine.

The Tritons faced Bellarmine a few times in the regular season. Bellarmine is a well-known foe that did not fare well against UMSL. Bellarmine could not match up down in the post good. Jordan Fletcher, senior, marketing, was a beast on the boards and scoring the ball down low. Fletcher could not be contained and when she did not have an opening or was doubled. Her shooters came to her rescue. UMSL guards are always a three-point threat and you cannot leave them open.

Too many occasions Fletcher would kick to an open Arielle Jackson, junior, biology and communication, for a three-pointer. Sammie Sproul, senior, business, was struggling with her shot before coming into the tournament. That was at least an advantage for Bellarmine. Bellarmine left Sproul open too many times and one of her three-pointers went in the basket. The lights came on, Sproul gave her trademark smile. Her stroke and confidence came back and Bellarmine really did not stand a chance any longer.

The Tritons held Bellarmine to 29.1 percent field goal shooting for the game, while UMSL shot 49.2 percent. Jackson led the way with 19 points, two rebounds, three assists and two steals. Fletcher was a big part of the 42 total points in the paint, and nine rebounds. Alex Laporta, freshman, business administration, lead the team in 11 rebounds adding eight points to go along with that. UMSL went on to win the game 77-47 and advance to the semifinals to face Drury University.

"We pressured a little more than the last time we played them," said Head Coach Katie Vaughn "That got us a few more possessions, but we're

just playing really good offense." Vaughn would go on to say, "Sammie has been shooting the ball much better in our last couple games." "I think we're a good matchup for Drury our next opponent."

On March 3 at 2:30 p.m., UMSL faced Drury in which both teams looked evenly matched. Both teams heavily pressured each other. The pressure cause plenty of turnovers from both teams. Fletcher and Jackson led the way for the team. Jackson with 24 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, and 2 steals. Fletcher 16 points, 8 rebounds, 1 assist, and 2 blocks. Fletcher could not be stopped in the paint. Fouls were an issue though.

Most of every category the Lady Tritons had Drury dead to rights. UMSL shot 50.9 percent from the field, 40 points in the paint and 12 second chance points. The difference was points off turnovers. UMSL just had too many turnovers late in the game that Drury turned into points. Drury led the stat line 27-13 points off turnovers. Four seconds left in the game Jackson was fouled on a three-point attempt. The score was 67-64 and Jackson could tie the game on the made free throws. Hopes were still high for the team and she missed the first shot.

Jackson's head went down in disbelief, the team rallied behind her and she would make the next two cleanly. 67-66 with three seconds left Drury had the ball all UMSL could was foul to stop the clock. Drury made their free-throws and UMSL had one play left to run after a timeout. It looked like a play drawn up for Jackson, but Kaitlynn Henning, junior, nursing, could not get it to her and had to take the last shot. A missed three-pointer would end the game and end the Tritons run in the GLVC Tournament.

"They pressure for 40 minutes and we had to weather that storm," said Head Coach Katie Vaughn. "Possession to possession it could have gone either way, but give it to Drury they played hard.

"We had too many turnovers and missed key free throws," said Shawnta Johnson, senior, communications. "They were the better team today and they won."



Jordan Fletcher guarding her man.



Arielle Jackson setting up the play.

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# Larry Nassar Behind Bars After Years of Law Enforcement Failing Victims

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OVER 150 women have spoken up against former sports physician Larry Nassar, who used his esteem and prestige to sexually assault and exploit women. Larry Nassar was a world-renowned sports physician who was employed by USA Gymnastics and Michigan State University. This man will hopefully now live the rest of his life in jail and with a target on his back. He will never have privacy, and for the rest of his life, he will have to watch his back. Many people will turn a blind eye to what happens to him behind bars, just like the institutions that employed him turned a blind eye to the mountains of abuse allegations against him.

After this scandal, the entire USA Gymnastics Board of Directors resigned and a police department near Michigan State University formally apologized for not taking the accusations seriously. Law enforcement is supposed to investigate every complaint, no matter how true or ridiculous a case may sound. Just imagine how many victims could have been spared if just one person took it seriously.

Now, with the #MeToo movement, the most successful people in Hollywood are all at risk of having their abuses brought to light. But this movement isn't just about Hollywood anymore. It's about every-



Former physician Larry Nassar was sentenced to "up to 175 years in prison" for decades of sexual abuse.

one having a voice to speak up and be heard, which is something that everyone in the United States is entitled due to the freedom of speech we are granted. Many countries do not have the freedom to speak their mind to peacefully protest, and we should never take that privilege for granted. The #MeToo movement has created an environment where everyone has a voice. The move-

ment has become so prominent that Oprah Winfrey gave a very personal speech at the Golden Globes. The movement is very close to Winfrey's heart, as she herself has been a victim of sexual assault.

U.S. Circuit Judge Rosemarie Aquilina read a letter that Nassar wrote to the court, and in the letter, Nassar claimed he was manipulated into pleading guilty and called the

women liars. Now, I always advise people to tell the truth, because the truth will set you free. Nassar lied, cheated, and has exploited countless young women. At Nassar's hearing, where he was sentenced to up to 175 years, Aquilina told Nassar, "I just signed your death warrant."

While Nassar did apologize for his actions, it is far too late for meaningless words. He is only apologet-

ic about being caught and having to face the repercussions, not because he is sorry for what he did. Nassar said that hearing the victims stories would be with him for the rest of his life, and I hope that it haunts him. Organizations like USA Gymnastics, Michigan State University, and the U.S. Olympic Committee all ignored the people who came forward, which is actually terrifying. It's like telling someone that you saw a murder and no one believed you; you would spend the rest of your days in fear not only of the murderer but also of yourself, filled with self-doubt. The trauma caused by Nassar is immeasurable and irreversible, as many of the women may never fully heal.

In the letter, Nassar talked about how the girls and women loved him as a physician, claiming that they came back time and time again. Amanda Thomashow, one of the victims, spoke up, and the organizations that were supposed to protect her told her that she didn't know the difference between a sexual assault and a medical practice. Personally, I believe that Nassar deserves whatever he gets, but standing back and looking at the various institutions that looked the other way, I can only hope they have learned from this tragedy.

# The Problem with Symbol Worship

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THERE IS a notorious section of the website Reddit known as "The\_Donald," where fans of President Trump gather to discuss issues with each other and brag about their strong support. They post #MAGA with pride and congratulate each other on their support of the president, often regardless of what he does or says.

Recently, on the subreddit, a thread emerged titled: "My buddy is behind enemy lines in LA, but keeping it real nonetheless." In the thread, the original poster quoted his friend, whom texted him the message: "They had Trump's face in the urinal at the bar last night so I pissed on the floor."

The original poster (OP) was met with positive praise from other group members, who made comments such as: "That's a great response. I think your friend has already learned how to handle living behind the lines in LA."

Personally, I hope that those who are alright with urinating on a floor to protest a symbol are also cool with kneeling to a flag during the national anthem. Fair is fair, isn't it?

How far are we going to go with symbols in this country? Let's face some reality for a moment, OP: your friend peed on a floor because a symbol that the two of you like was in the urinal. Then, you virtue-signaled to others online. That makes you look really silly, OP. I'm willing



The President's approval rating stands at an measly 39% on average, but on one controversial "subreddit", Trump is king.

to bet you would change your tune if someone peed on the floor because of a Hillary Clinton sticker in the

urinal.

At the end of the day, to me, a symbol is a symbol. It's just a stick-

er, a piece of cloth, a cardboard sign, or a sculpture of stone. I can understand having reverence toward a

cause, but to enforce authoritarian ideals through ridicule and pissing on a floor doesn't show how much you support the cause. Conversely, it shows that you are a jerk, and that you have a thing or two more in common with "liberal snowflakes," than you'd rather admit.

Folks who are proud of their southern heritage may choose to fly a Confederate flag. In my opinion, they have every right to, yet they'll probably face some flack if they fly that flag in front of some people. That's just how freedom of speech works. Meanwhile, someone who chooses to fly a Pride flag in front of certain people may face some flack. Again, that's just how freedom of speech works. Secularists may pass a pro-life billboard on their way to work. Evangelicals may see a Planned Parenthood advertisement on the internet. Yet, everyone continues to function. Most of us keep our politics to ourselves, and we carry on.

Or we don't, and we clash with insults, usually over the internet. What's interesting about that is how quick we are to say what we mean when we are not face-to-face with people. It's like driving in a parking garage and the person in front of you is taking forever to pull out of their parking spot. You can call them all of the nasty names in the world and feel no consequence. That's how social media works. That's how "The\_Donald" works. And that's partially how the country has become so divided.



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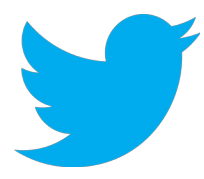
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